MISSOURI PREMIERE: ALL GOD'S CHILDREN, DOCUMENTARY ABOUT CHILDREN OF EVANGELICAL MISSIONARIES SURVIVING ABUSE AT THE HANDS OF OTHER MISSIONARIES

Film's Participants Attend Screening in St. Louis to Thank SNAP National Director David Clohessy for His and His Organization's Guidance and Support

(New York, May 2009) *All God's Children* will have its Missouri premiere on **Tuesday, June 2nd – 7pm at the Schlafly Bottleworks (The Crown Room), 7260 Southwest Avenue, Maplewood, MO.** The film's directors, Scott Solary and Luci Westphal, film's participants David Darr and Rev. Dr. Richard Darr and the National Director of SNAP (Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests), David Clohessy, are scheduled to attend.

Through the eyes of three families, the documentary *All God's Children* (70 minutes) tells the personal story of the first boarding school for children of missionaries to be investigated for abuse at the hands of the parents' missionary colleagues. The survivors and parents share their journey of seeking justice, redemption and healing.

While the American parents were stationed in remote outposts throughout West Africa, their children - starting at the age of 6 - were required to attend the Christian and Missionary Alliance (C&MA) boarding school in Mamou, Guinea. Cut off from their parents and without any reliable means of communication, the children quietly suffered from the abuse by the all-missionary staff. It took the children decades to acknowledge the effects on their lives. When they finally dared to speak out, the C&MA denied all allegations and refused to help. Through years of persistent activism the survivors and their parents finally compelled the C&MA to conduct an investigation and acknowledge the abuses. The healing could begin.

"Exposing a horrific scandal that's virtually never been highlighted anywhere, this deeply moving film is about far more than childhood betrayal. It's also about the heroic work of wounded adults to hold callous and deceitful church officials accountable for stunning crimes. It's both jaw-dropping and awe-inspiring."

David Clohessy, national director of SNAP, the Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests

To request a DVD Screener of the film, please email <u>info@allgodschildrenthefilm.com</u> Website (Trailer, Hi-Res Stills, Press Kit, etc.): <u>www.allgodschildrenthefilm.com</u>

The filmmakers and the families featured in the documentary are available for interviews.